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TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JAMES GROSS

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, has called James Gross, an outstanding citizen and member of his community, to his everlasting reward Sunday January 29, 2012; and

WHEREAS, James Gross, a native of Chicago was born July 21, 1955. He was the loving son of Bertha Mitchell and Ollie Lee Gross. He received his education through the Chicago Public School system. James received an Associate Degree from Malcolm X College; a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from North Park University; and a Master of Arts Degree in Guidance and Counseling Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology graduating Summa Cum Laude from Chicago State University; and

WHEREAS, On January 1, 2010 James Gross and Kimberly were united in Holy Matrimony. The couple was blessed with the birth of one child, James Frederick Gross and James inherited another son, Lonzail Pruitt; and

WHEREAS, James held various certificates and licenses: State of Illinois- Department of Professional Regulation Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, University of Illinois DUI Certification, Certified Advanced AODA Counselor, Mental Illness Substance Abuse Counselor, and a Certified AODA Counselor; and

WHEREAS, James was active in community affairs, he held several local memberships, Emages Social Services and Therapeutic Non-Profit Agency, Center for New Horizons Community Outreach Advisory Board, Wright College, Adult Education Advisory Board, Parliamentarian and Kennedy-King College, Addictions Studies Advisory Board, Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, James Gross was the recipient of several honors and awards from: the City of Chicago, Principal for a Day, Connexions Enterprises, Inc, Men of Excellence Award, Malcolm X College, Community Partnership Award and Business Leaders Urban Community Service award; and


WHEREAS, James was a dedicated employee, for more than twenty-one years, with The Salvation Army. He served as the Program Director; he developed effective contacts with the Criminal Justice Department, US Probation, Circuit Court and City of Chicago Officials. He conducted alcohol and drug abuse classes and was a friend to many of the staff and interns; and he was an Adult Educator at the Wilbur Wright College; and

WHEREAS, His loving parents, and two brothers, James Lee and Ollie Lee Gross, Jr., having predeceased him, James Gross leaves behind to celebrate his life and cherish his memory, his beloved wife, Kimberley; son, James Frederick Gross, step-son, Lonzail Pruitt; mother-in-law, Mabel Pruitt; brothers, Otha Lee (Grace) Gross, Charles Lee (Louise) Gross, Fred Lee (Francine) Gross and Robert Earl Gross; sisters, Laura Lee Hawkins, Ruth Helen Ratliff and Clara Lewis; uncles, Henry Gross, Cindiralla Gross, and Hildrich (Lois) Gross; great aunt, Louise Hardley; special cousins, Willie Daniel and Bridget Dubose; and a host of other relatives, many friends and The Salvation Army family; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 15th day of February, 2012, A.D., do hereby offer our sincere condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of James Gross and express our hope that the coldness of their grief be soon replaced by their warm memories of him.

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of James Gross.

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